

City of Deer Park
Regular Council Meeting
City Municipal Building
February 22, 2010

President Comer opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag followed by a prayer.

The Clerk read the roll. Mr. Allen, Mr. Gavin, Mr. Hall, Mrs. Hedger, Mr. Proctor, Mr. Tegenkamp, Mr. Tolliver. Mr. Allen was absent. Mr. Hall made a motion to excuse the absence of Mr. Allen. Seconded by Mr. Tolliver. Motion passed by a unanimous voice-vote.

Mrs. Hedger made a motion to accept the Minutes from the Regular Council Meeting on February 8, 2010. Seconded by Mr. Tolliver. Motion passed by a unanimous voice-vote.

Standing Committee Reports

Legislative and Finance

Mrs. Hedger made a motion to accept the December 2009 Auditor and Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Mr. Tegenkamp. Motion passed by a unanimous voice-vote.

Safety

Mr. Hall reported that there had been a multi-jurisdictional drug bust made that included Police Departments from Indian Hill, Madeira and Deer Park and the Hamilton County SWAT team. A house in Deer Park was being used to grow marijuana.

Public Works

Mr. Tegenkamp reported that the Service Department had done a good job in keeping the streets clean through the latest snowfalls. Mr. Tegenkamp stated that local business owners should be required to clean the sidewalks in front of their establishments. Mayor Collins stated that he could send a letter to business owners encouraging them to clean their sidewalks. Mr. Proctor and Mrs. Hedger stated that the City may want to adopt a snow emergency to have residents move their vehicles so that it would be easier and safer to plow.

Old Business

President Comer reported that the City does not have an ordinance defining a dress code for Council meetings and that the issue of moving towards "business casual" should be addressed at the next meeting.

City Officials

Mayor Collins reported that the next Census meeting would take place in St. Bernard on Friday February 12, 2010 at 2:30 pm.

Mayor Collins announced that the East Galbraith Nursing Home is holding an Olympics for its residents on Thursday February 11, 2010. Mayor Collins asked Council members if anyone could take his place in handing out the awards. Mr. Gavin volunteered and Mrs. Hedger stated that she would attend if her schedule permitted.

New Business

Mr. Gavin reported that the first Census meeting was very informative and that cities in danger of becoming a village status have a very short time to contest the decision. Mayor Collins stated that the City can pass a charter to keep the number of Council members the same and to keep positions from being merged.

Mr. Gavin reported that there are several tools available for the City to use to inform residents about the Census. Mr. Gavin stated that Silverton had received a grant that enabled them to purchase banners and door hangers. Mr. Gavin encouraged Council members to look at the Census Bureau website.

Mr. Gavin announced that April 24, 2010 is the day for the Great American Cleanup. Mr. Gavin stated that it is possible for Deer Park to implement a clean-up to coincide with the event. Mr. Gavin reported that if proper forms are filled out, cleaning supplies and promotional items are free.

Mr. Gavin announced that the Deer Park and Silverton Business Associations were meeting for a Bowling Night at Strikes and Spares on March 3, 2010 at 5:30 pm.

Mr. Gavin announced that the Deer Park Business Association is considering a Cruise-In to invite residents to show off their vehicles and encourage others to come to Deer Park.

Without further business to be brought before Council at the time, Mr. Tegenkamp moved for adjournment. Seconded by Mrs. Hedger. Motion passed by a unanimous voice-vote.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Joseph W. Comer,
President of Council

Laura Hughes,
Clerk of Council